Jan. 7, 1942

Dear Pappy —

Walt didn't get time to write today like he meant to — and he's out tonight. But he wanted to ask if you could and would like to come over — stay here Monday night and meet Tues. morning for breakfast with the Y group of C.O.'s they meet every week — and they would like very much to have you share their fellowship — if you think

you would like to – why ~~let~~ us know – we'd like to have you here anyway – mother too – tho I'd hoped to have her for a bit longer. We have 2 beds empty – so – when is any of the Page tribe going to come so our new house anyway!

We got a belated Christmas present from the Rowe the other day – a nice set of tumblers with R on them –

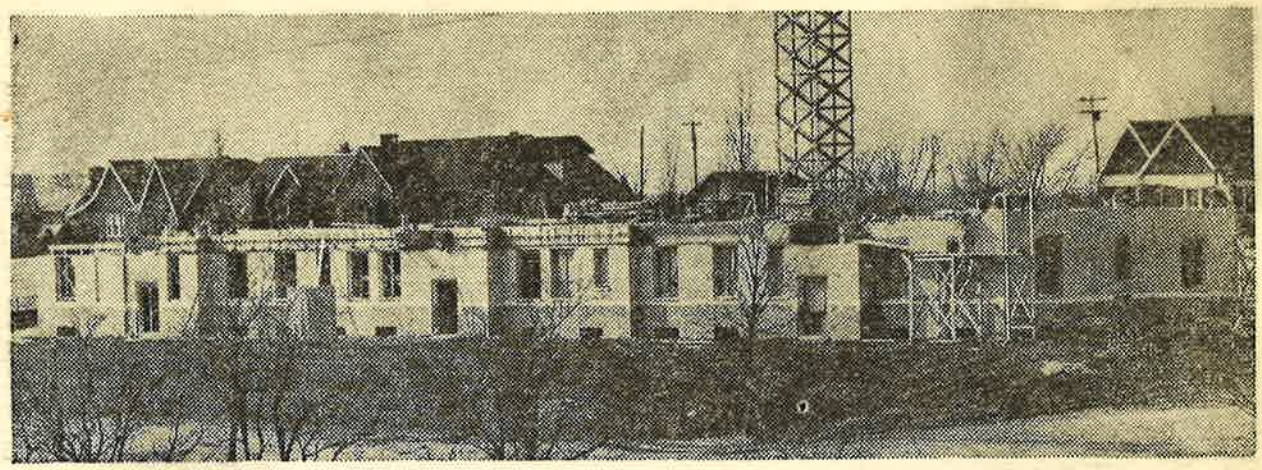
and a cute little toy for Judy – its an affair that you pull along and it has two arms that revolve and clang-clang. She has more fun with it. She gets so excited when she pulls it along. She's learning to sit down in her chair now – and gets off the bed all right.

I served tea today – and she had the fox of attachment strewn all over the room – such fun – you could

walk around there now
what with a million toys
and the set of blocks - she
has fun knocking over towers and
build - but she's learning to
build them herself too. set
3 blocks on top of each other
the other day - she & stopped
the last.

Well - let us know about
next Mon. - tho you know
we'd like to have you anytime
if you can come then.

Love - Mary



Clay Hall - New Residence for Women - Phillips University
Enid, Oklahoma

Jan. 21-42

Dear Kirby and Alma:

We were glad to have Alma's letter yesterday. Happy to know you had a good Christmas and especially that your eye was well. Many thanks for the Books - Arthur has been reading the Unknown Escape -.

I am enclosing the list of people who attended the retreat. You have Mrs. Mueller to thank for this. She did a good job. The above picture shows the new Women as it was Jan 14th. They are going right up with it.

Suppose the box of Books arrived all right? Keep us posted on your doings - comings and going -

The very best of all good things to you and yours.

Most Sincerely
Ivy & Art.

MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT ALL OUTSIDE ROOMS

February 5, 1942

El Presidio Hotel

EUROPEAN -- FIRE-PROOF

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Dear Folks:

Everything going along O.K. here. Don't look as'y we will ever have any rain.

Went to Pantoma yesterday and got a case of pineapple juice No 2 cans {11½¢ per can}. We also got some steak we are going to fix some up and eat dinner with Grandma today.

Hubert was out the other night. Is still working but may be called back into the navy. Will be in supply dept. at San Pedro.

Take care.

Love

Marie.

Mon. April 13, 1942

Dear S. parents –

Guess we kinda neglected you these days. theres so much going on tho –

Finally got piano moved Easter afternoon. Picked up John & Ben and got there late – so found Lynch and Reg had got it in and all by themselves. Imagine! with help of a dolly tho. It makes the room here look very nice – much more livably arranged – and look much smaller. I practice every day too.

I went to the Doctor's for a check up the other day – and just as I thought I have stupid trouble – about 30% – so I'm taking pills for that: will take 4 or 5 months to get back into condition. Maybe I can lose some weight now. Also I'm a bit anemic, and my white cell blood count was away too high. (Haven't found out yet what ~~was~~ is

April 28, 1942

Dear Folks.

Always glad to get your letters. Glad you're both feeling good. Walt had a bit of bad luck this weekend. He wrenched his back putting in a barbeque pit - and had to lay around on the floor for 2 or 3 days. Sounds better now tho still pretty weak. This is the worst he's had since college days. Anyway he got a chance to

carrying that. Could be a tooth - tho none hurt. Have to see I guess.

We went to Friends monthly meeting Sat. It was very interesting. We left Judy with Janet for the afternoon - and took her to Kensaleo for the evening session & supper.

John moved last week - got a room next door - so spends most of his time here when he's not out singing.

We pitched into the lawn yesterday and got the worst mess of weeds out - so were gradually gaining on it. The garden is doing very well so far - but we can't seem to get any hedge going.

How is the tulips going? I hope O.K. Mother - tell Fay to get those beds done soon - but they won't dry out - we're having a cloudy wet spell so - . Write soon -

Love Mary & Walt & Judy

She plaiyed ~~tide~~ peek-a-boo yesterday with Walt & John - went and hid behind the chair and peeked out. She's learning to play with Karen a lot now - tho she still grabs everything away from her.

We've had a lot of sweet peas - and shered irises. The pansies bloom so fast I can't keep them pinched, and my roses are doing beautifully. & no - the Malan rose - is the biggest rose I've ever seen - and

do a little enforced reading.

We bought Julie a red wagon today. She sure loves it. She won't hardly get out of it. She wants to be hauled around all the time. She's sure growing. I had to let down the hem in her slacks. I made her a clothes pin's dress - the dots - It's cute. She loves to dress up. She's learning to say a few more words now - like ball - fly - airplane.

very fragrant - color is a lot like Paul's Scarlet.

We're having fun trying to come out. Even on our sugar for regestering. I put up 10 or 12 jars of syrup - just sugar & water - for jam later. Made lots of cookies - guess I'll do a big batch of cookies next weekend.

Hope you don't run into trouble on gas situation. Write us soon and tell us how things are going

Our love - Mary & Walt.

JUST SENDING THIS LOVE-NOTE
TO TELL YOU
MOTHER DEAR
THAT I ALWAYS THINK
ABOUT YOU
AND I LOVE YOU MORE
EACH YEAR

yea!
Mary
+
Lucy

May 5, 1942

Dear Mum -

Say - how do you expect to get any mail on Mother's Day if you don't furnish any addresses for them?

How are things going? You might drop us a post card or something - Are the books going good?

I'm sorry I haven't got the beads to you any sooner - but I've kinda been busy - I'm painting them today, however.

I had so much brown and confectioners sugar on hand so I'm making lots of candy and

cookies right now. also jelly - loquats from Christensen's - never tasted that kind before - hope it's worth the trouble. Mary to send some apple butter.

The Service Comm. meeting last Saturday was very good. The 25th Anniversary - Mendenhall and Allan Hunter spoke - very instructional. Incidentally, Allan registered - but Pat Floyd didn't. Also you might like to know that Lew Ayres is still at Cascade Locks - the story about his going into medical corps was false - just to get his fracture out. He can't get them to retract story. Everything going well here, Judy. Fusier than ever - Our love -

Mary + Walt

no later in he left camp fed comm. WR.

Luling Tex
May 16th 1942.

Dear Alma

Sure was glad to get your letter, we thought of you both another day as Wilfred and family spent Sat night and Sunday with us. on account of tires I guess they will not be able to come to see us often now, and later I expect it will be worse than that. Johnnie and family came one a once

box of candy and Wilfred and family gave me a Cologne set which is very nice. I am getting along very well now but I am like Cousin. she wrote Mary Jo a letter the other day saying that her feet got hot and she had to move. could not stay in one place very long. she said she had a small apartment at 519 W. 12th said she might get her a defence Job said she would like to come to see us this summer. do not know yet if she will get to come. I sure will be glad when you and Kirby go home. for I cannot help worrying about you. still I know you enjoy your trip. Dont of it any way. there is no such a thing as a pass now so I guess I will stay at home. they do not want you to travel on the trains now. only those that have to. how is Mary and K. getting along. our garden

is getting along very well
we are enjoying snap beans
and cucumbers. The Peach trees are
not looking so well but the
apple tree is just fine and
the grapes and figs are both
just fine. if we stay here
a few years we will have
plenty grapes and figs. write
again when you can. I am
always so glad to hear from you
both of love to you both lovingly

Mother.

Telephone CHERRY 9000 OVERLOOKING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

HOTEL Wolverine
ELIZABETH and WITHERELL STS.
DETROIT ★ MICHIGAN

500 ROOMS

May 16, 1942.

Dear Kirby & Alma:

Everything going along fine. I think we are keeping things moving as best we know how.

The flowers are doing fine the snapdragons are very pretty. I guess the sweetpeas will soon be gone but they have bloomed very heavy, picked big bunches every day. The gladiolus are sending up buds. Planted nasturtiums in front of both big windows. The Iris and roses are really pretty now.

Grandma has been getting around 40 eggs every day lots of small pullett eggs that she sells for 25¢ doz. Sold over $3.00 of eggs yesterday. May have wax beans from her garden today. We have small string beans setting on.

Spent one day at school recently very proud of Margarets work. She is reading with the third grade and doing other third grade work. Needs some improvement in her writing.

The kittens are sure cute, playing all over the place. Not at the back door yet. The cats are sure bringing in the gophers these days the big ones bring in almost one every day to the kittens. The dogs doing fine.

I am doing fine went up to 109 lbs. for a week but am now 108 lbs. last time I weighed. So am holding my own. Feeling fine most of the time, just get tired once in a while. Made pajamaes for Margaret also slacks. Going to start next week on our dresses.

Kirby do you want the suggestions about offerings sent to these places. I am having Mary and Walt run off 200 copies each of pages 2,3,4,9,10, and 11, as we have run out of them. But have them sent far enough ahhad, until they get them ready. I found the stencils. Also do you want phamplets sent.

Love Marie.

Send yes

Tues. May 26, 1942

Telephone CHERRY 9000 OVERLOOKING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

HOTEL Wolverine
ELIZABETH and WITHERELL STS.
DETROIT ★ MICHIGAN

500 ROOMS

Dear Folks:

Everything going along very smooth at this end. We spent most of yesterday at Grandma's. She is not a bit well. Had a bad cold. Much better today.

Have enough book lists to send to Lima and Alliance, Ohio. Shall I have Walt run off some more?

Hope the floods in Penn. hasn't bothered you folks any. Wished we could have a little rain here. Sure is dry.

Just weighed 109½ lbs
Love getting fat,
Marie

You didn't ask for INFORMATION

But anyway, here 'tis—

As a PAL, you are

100 %

As a DAD,

the best there is

And how!

All our love,

Judy

Mary

Walt

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

June 16, 1942.

Dear Folks:

Everything going along OK here. Sold about $3.50 of beans, eggs, and berries at Lana's yesterday. Grandma is sure doing a big business. We had first corn yesterday.

Perry and I both got up at 5:15 this morning. He has been hoeing on the lime hill and I just finished cleaning the Rose beds and the roses. They are sure pretty now. Carnations have been fine this year. The Shasta's are

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

in full bloom. The flame tree buds haven't started to open yet but will soon.

Not much fruit this year as late frosts got a lot of it. Not many peaches nor plums but a good many apricots. Everything will be very late this year. Nothing ripe yet. Will put up as much fruit as I can. Have already put up strawberries. Will do a few blackberries later.

The Pottery arrived but the pitcher was broken. It was insured so I told them at the Post office and they wrote them about sending another and

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JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

collecting the insurance on this one. We haven't heard anything from them yet. Will wait a few more days and then I will write.

We have been having very poor weather. Cloudy or foggy all morning but does clear up in the afternoon.

Thanks for the household check we still has six dollars left from the other.

Catching gophers in traps and the cats are sure bringing in their share.

Hope everything is going O.K. with you, and that you are getting plenty of rest.

Love
Marie

Luling Tex
June 19, 1942.

Dear Alma

I sure will be glad when you and Ruby get home and I expect I am not the only one that will be glad. I am just about down now worrying about all of you, Johnnie has been having a time, with the Poison Ivy. she could not do any thing for quite awhile she had three Doc with her and at last

got a perscription from a
lady friend it cost one dollar
a bottle she used two and it
is getting well. believe me I
am sure glad. I was afraid for
awhile she would loose her left-
arm it got so bad.. we are
having very warm weather now
also very dry. we are having to
water every thing all the time
even the grass and all the
gardens are dying, we did get
a little from our garden. if it
should rain soon it might
save the tomatoes & Okra.
I do not know if you will get
this or not. I am afraid you
will have to give up a lot
of places before you get home,
Please write as often as you can.
lots of love to you & Kitty,
Lovingly, Mother.

Mr. Frank Stanley Smaw

announces the wedding of his sister

Mary Elizabeth

to

Mr. Gilbert Frederick Bolgiano

of

Baltimore, Maryland

on Thursday, June twenty-fifth

Nineteen hundred and forty-two

Burlington, Iowa

HOTEL Fort Hayes

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Sunday, 5th July –

I am happy to think that you will be home before long; I am keeping up with the work very well most of the beans, & berries are sold but there is a lot of corn ready for this week, no tomatoes, blight & aphis worst I ever saw, on every thing still getting strawberries & I canned 6 qts of apricots – 4 glasses of jelly made with corn syrup – then Marie brought some brown sugar – made a few glasses blackberry jelly – they are about gone. will make some Boysen Berry has been sick – bad abscess on nose eggs back to 20 cts – & not so very many awful hot days. Love Mother

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beans 22.
berries 13.
corn 6.
41.00

7/8/42

Dear Folks:

I'll add my 2¢ worth. First of all - our continual thanks for all the good things of life shared. I hope we are not forever on just the receiving end! The tires will certainly be a Godsend - does seem pretty stiff for used ones.

No word at all from Draft Board in New Haven. My occupational questionnaire didn't even have our Calif. address on it, although of course I wrote indicating our change when I returned my original registration and asked for Form 47 and change of Boards. I think it is just as well if the Board is still back there - in the Lookheed-Vega area, it's hard to fill quotas with so many defense workers.

First camp went fairly well. Too many at one time esppcially with young leaders. August camps should be

better. I found myself doing nearly all the supervision. Feel sorry for Rowe in a way - he just doesn't seem to like to work with kids or take any profound interest in their needs, interests, or personalities.

Judy is a continaul wonder and joy. She gets Mary nearly down sometimes though. We've got to begin to discipline her in minding; but it's not so easy when she isn't talking yet. Still too much energy to expend to be interested in much conversation!

She's deathly afraid of ocean - too much noise I guess; but breaking her in slowly at a big swimming pool near San Fernando.

Getting Mary's teeth taken care of -- good deal of work. On the whole Mary is better with the thyroid treatment - glad we caught it when we did.

Eager for Aug. 8 to roll around! Love ever,

Walt

July 10, 1942.

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks:

Just a note to let you know everything is under control. I have finished my job which I enjoyed very much as you know me with ladies. I made $37.00 in 14½ days.

Keeping everything going here. I put more bath on the top center of the bath house. Now the things in the top don't burn and dry out. We have been having some very hot weather the last week, your violet is sure in full bloom in fact you now have two as I took a small plant from the side it also is starting to bloom. Flame tree is sure pretty.

Don't know if we told you about Con, Bonnie, Helen and Perry's fishing trip to Crystal Lake 79 trout we are going to try and go up again soon. Will have to take Kirby up when you get back about 35 miles from here.

One of midnights kittens died. So we just have one of them left he or she is just like her and is almost as big. Skipper hasn't bothered the kittens this year. Getting so he minds better now.

Last week I canned 10 qt 1 pt. of apricots after work and then Monday night did 18 qts of jam, worked on it until eleven.

I am really feeling fine these days full of vim, vigor, and vitality. Will be glad to see you come home. We sure do miss you. Love

Marie.

415 South Gunnison Street
Burlington Iowa
July 14-1942

Dear Folks-

So much has happened since the first of the year that I hardly know where to start. By now you have received the announcement of my marriage to Gilbert Bolgiano on July 25th.

We were married in Trinity Lutheran Church at 8 30 in the morning. We planned an early wedding as we wanted to take a short automobile trip.

Neither Frank nor Ella were able to attend, Ella and her family had been out for two weeks at Easter time. But Hazel arrived on Tuesday before the wedding to do the honors

for the family by acting as Maid of Honor. Frank Nelsen of Oakland, California! was best man.

We shall continue to live here in Burlington for the duration of the war unless something unforseen occurs and then we hope to go back to Baltimore and live happily ever afterwards. (Is it too much to ask?).

If ever you get this way again I do hope you will either phone 3921 or plan to come and stay with us over night or as long as you can. Probably won't agree with you any more than before but I would like to see you.

It hardly seems possible than young Kirby and Mary are old enough to have

opinions of their own but when I look at Hazel - she is fifteen now (Ella's daughter) I realize that the years have gone by rather swiftly.

Write again when you have time and send me your report letters. I do read them.

With best wishes to you both -

Sincerely

Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. R. Helmus

announce the marriage of their daughter

Margaret Andrews

to

Mr. William Russell Eagan

Lieutenant, Army of the United States

on Saturday, the eighteenth of July

Nineteen hundred and forty-two

Spartanburg, South Carolina

ORANGE GROVE AND SNOW CAPPED MOUNTAINS IN CALIFORNIA

Tues. July 28th

Dear Folks.

Well this is about the last stop since it - before the jump home. Will sure be glad to see you.

Well get the hinder graphing done soon - Don't you send too much money for it.

Judy is growing like a

week - and jabbers a lot -
tho not too much actual
talking yet. Emmetts
daughter Janet had a baby
girl last week - Kathleen -
2nd great grand child for Sha.
Will be on hand the 8th.
and hope you roll in on
time. Haven't gotten hardly
any fruit from place -
first season peaches.
Just finished 2 weeks
vacation - on day in mountains
one at La Habra - rest home.
going to teach 3 times. Finally closing
scroll there - ~~See~~ you soon
Love Mary & Walt

11/3/42

Dear Folks:

Just a note to let you know everything is under control. I start work tomorrow in building 6# which isn't very close to Perry. Was there yesterday from 7:45 AM until 5:40 P.M. I was sure tired when I got home.

Kay was home Fri. night then he and Epsie went to Redlands but. Then Epsie rode down with us Sunday morning when I took Perry to work as she had to work also.

Kay said he has the work job at the bomber camp now. Will be off every week.

Grandma is here with us and I think we will be able to keep everything going between us. Take good care of yourselves and let us know how you are doing.

Love

Marie.

Nov. 5, 1942

Dear Kirby + alma:

Hope everything is going along O.K. We are trying to keep things moving at this end, sure will be glad when you get back.

I have worked two days. I sit at a table and stamp consignment papers for parts that are sent for replacement where ever the planes are. Make out tags that are tied to each part. There are about five rubber stamps that we use on each paper. I am in building 6A which isn't very far from Perry, we have different lunch ½ hours so we can't eat together.

I took a copy of "The Childs Book of Prayer" and the Christmas carols down and showed them to Mrs. Moody. She would like to have some to sell. Should she send to Random House or can you give her

a little discount on the $1.50 price. Let me know soon.

We are trying to keep things the best we can which isn't too good as we have so little time in the evening. I feed the dogs and cats before we go in the morning. Everything else has to wait until we get home.

Love

Marie.

Payments have been coming in for books from Bakersfield I think they are payments instead of orders. They don't make them very clear. So if you have bills for them send them on.

M.

SANTA BARBARA MISSION IN CALIFORNIA

Nov. 12, 1942

Dear Folks –

Half you trips gone by before you get a letter from us – fine thing – but we've been busy as usual – bet you have too.

Guess you glad to hear they've moved rationing back – you won't have to worry about getting home now.

We finally got the fence finished - and does Sandy hate it. Harriet uses it much yet tho - cause she has a slight cold - her first. I got it too - but about over it now.

Are you planning to stop here on the way down - Over night I hope. It's nice to have you here -

We bought a new History of Oriental Rug, by Elbert Russell at Duke. very good -

Our love -

Walt & Mary

Leonne Tex.
Dec 20, 1942.

Dear Alma & Kirby

I imagine you both feel a little like I do since you got home. we have been in suspence so long not knowing what we were going to do. John was near Beaumont for three months and then was sent here and are we glad. John took us riding through the field last week and it is just beautiful it is also hilly country too so many beautiful trees holly dogwood pine magnolia cedar Holly sweetgum oaks Jaupon Oh just so many kind I just cannot remember. and we saw one family way out in the woods with a very large Orchard it looked like he had every kind of fruit trees except oranges and a nice good road in front of the house. we had to take an old house. the only one we could get after two trips out here to get one and we have had lots of people come here that

wanted it - we cannot get a box at the Postoffice there are lots waiting for that, and you have to stand in line so long. John said he was going to get a key to use the Rec Box, as soon as he can. John is working at night this & next week. I have to take my medicine tomorrow I have been feeling bad and just had to put off taking it until now. we are shut have some cold weather when we first came but it is warmer now. the house is very hard to heat the ceiling is about twelve feet high. I tell John I think they are 15 feet, they have just papered the whole house and it is very clean but the floors are not level the elephant that Johnnie got in china town can walk on the floors. I we would love to see you all this Xmas and I hope it will be so you all can be together and have a great time John had to spend so much money going from one place to another the last three months that we are not expecting much Xmas, really I think we should not spend too much any way. Xmas Lots of love to you all and with all a merry Xmas loving Mother

"Create within us the splendor
That dawns when hearts are kind,
That knows not race nor station
As boundaries of the mind;
That learns to value beauty,
In heart, or brain, or soul,
And longs to bind God's children
Into one perfect whole."
- - S. Ralph Harlow

74 West Marshall Road,
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.
December 17, 1942.

Dear Friends;

We open and close this Christmas letter with a greeting in the words of a friend who recently was a guest in our home, Professor S. Ralph Harlow, of Smith College. The quotations are two verses of a hymn he has written and which appears in the hymnal of the Methodist Church.

As the holidays approach we think of the many friends we have, scattered about the world. Members of our own families, friends and schoolmates in Oconto County, college friends, friends made in the army and navy during the last war, friends from Northwestern University, friends from Valparaiso University, friends made during thirteen years in Baltimore, friends in and around Philadelphia, and the many we have met in other places. We can write to only a few from each of these circles, and even then it is difficult to say in a general letter what we would most like to say to each; but perhaps it will give you a greater sense of fellowship with us than an ordinary Christmas greeting.

We have been a very fortunate family during this first year of war. Apart from a quite normal amount of minor illnesses we have been well and enjoying a fairly normal life while millions of our brothers and sisters throughout the world have been suffering untold hardships which must seem unnecessary and futile. What a year to turn our thoughts to the Prince of Peace and what a time to re-dedicate ourselves to the task of doing away with war and the occasion for war.

The death of our children's last granfather, Ernest Schaal, in his ninety-fifth year, brought seven brothers and a sister together in Wisconsin the last of March. We all regretted that Myron was not able to be with us. Father lived a long and interesting life, but perhaps his most significant act was the creation of the Ernest Schaal Scholarship Fund from which any of his descendants who go to college may get three hundred dollars each of the first two years. Already about ten thousand dollars has been disbursed in scholarships and it continues. This year Robert is at Syracuse University, Fay at North Central College, and a great-grandson, Leonard, is at the University of Wisconsin, all benefiting from the fund.

With three daughters and a husband to care for, Esther finds her life filled to overflowing with "home-work". We have discovered that as the girls grow older so they can do more things themselves, they also find more things to do for themselves; so the total result is not a release for Mother. We do not claim that this discovery is original.

Betty Elaine

Betty Elaine, now a senior in high school, is studying college catalogues, but with no conclusive results. She would welcome suggestions as to the best college in these United States during days of war. Last summer with Ellen's help she got a job in the office of Montgomery Ward & Company in Baltimore and spent the summer there with Ellen and Paul (cousins). She is now pursuing the study of foreign languages, mainly, with a talent that her Dad often longed for but never could locate. Thus far she has taken - in addition to English - French, German, Latin, and Spanish. Without attending a Spanish class, she started second year Spanish this fall and her first report card shows an A grade. We'll not take any space to tell of her shortcomings - they are legion with her as with the rest of us.

Alice Mae is in the second year of junior high school and will be entering senior high next year (9th grade). She does well in school, but I believe she enjoys caring for children most of all. She manages to get a job taking care of them while parents are out, quite frequently, and on Sundays helps care for the cradle-rollers while their parents are in church. She comes nearest to answering her Mother's prayer for help in the home. Her cakes are excellent.

Byrdiva Doris (and she insists we all call her Byrdie) is flitting through the sixth grade with a happy-go-lucky smile that makes it difficult for anyone to deny her wishes and to insist on a careful performance of her duties. She is growing rapidly this winter and is almost as tall as her Mother. She will be twelve in February.

The girls insist that a paragraph of this letter tell about Skippie. She has been with us nearly four years and as dogs go, she is really about as little trouble as any. She is a grand traveler in the car and goes wherever the family does.

Music is now having its ups and downs in our family. Betty is in the High School Orchestra and Band; Alice is trying to learn to play an E-flat alto horn and taking piano lessons. At the moment Byrdie is taking a piano lesson vacation with the hope that her "appetite" will improve. These days Esther, Alice, and Byrdie delight their Dad with Christmas carols on the piano done with more and sometimes less finesse.

This branch of the Schaal family have been dabblers in real estate for some years. Right now we are moving towards a simplification of our holdings. Last year we disposed of 5300 Kenilworth Avenue in Baltimore and bought 74 West Marshall Road here. We are now selling our last property in Baltimore, 907 Beaumont Avenue, and using the proceeds to reduce the mortgage here. We have seen little of our Kelly Brook Farm for two years but have a rather definite hankering to spend a summer there soon. Whether that will be possible the coming year remains to be seen.

Alice Mae

Executive work and travel by car still chokes the ambition of the oldest member of this family to do much reading. With the lessened significance of the newspapers because of war censorship, he has spent more time on magazines. The Christian Century gets first place; Fellowship, The Christian Advocate, Motive, the Readers' Digest, and others follow. The book list does not look impressive. The Admiral of the Sea was interesting; War and Peace by Tolstoi

was read for the first time and recognized as a classic. The two best books I know dealing with the current problems of the peace are Carr's Conditions of Peace and Hoover and Gibson's Problems of Lasting Peace. Three friends have given me books during the year which they have written. These were Prayers for Times Like These by S. Ralph Harlow, United Nations of the World by Haridas Muzumdar, and The Totalitarian State Against Man by Count Coudenhove-Kalergi. Recently I enjoyed a novel, Look to the Mountains and also completed reading the Yearling which I started at Earl Schaal's some months ago.

Byrdiva Doris

As far as we have heard, the draft has disrupted the usual routine completely for only three of the Schaal family and will probably have the same effect on two more shortly. A recent letter from Ensign Lawrence Schaal indicates that he is following in the footsteps of his junior uncle, except that he has acquired a wife earlier in the game than his uncle did. We are hoping to see them both soon when they are transferred from Tucson, Arizona, to New York University. Lee is doing horticultural work in the Civilian Public Service Camp at Beltsville, Maryland. Roy recently reported to a similar camp at Big Flats near Elmira, N.Y. History will record which is the best way to serve one's country in time of war. (The editor shifts to first person singular.) This time I am betting on the way Lee and Roy have gone, rather than the way I followed twenty-five years ago. I expect that Robert and Leonard will be the next two who will have to take their stations. I am sure that they will do what they feel is right for them, and with such decisions none can quarrel.

I expect that some of you are wondering what a peace-worker is doing now. In fact I fully expected that by now I would either have retired to our farm or perchance have been taken into "protective custody" for the duration. But history does not always repeat itself. The behaviour of our government in relations to peace testimony is certainly a case in point. The highest government officials have emphasized the importance of peace planning now and have not only given us freedom to go ahead, they are cooperating in the work. The President's wife made a personal contribution to the budget for my particular work this year.

Instead of the F.B.I. being looked upon askance, they are frequent visitors to our office where they come seeking information regarding our friends who may be seeking government employment or who wish to establish their position as conscientious objectors to war. The ones I have talked with have given every evidence of their desire to be fair and not to persecute.

"Shuffling on to Buffalo"

The public reaction to a program that aims to bring the highest teachings of Christianity to bear on the plans for peace and the post-war world has been generous both in attendance and in financial support. This year, under my direct supervision, we have held three summer Institutes of International Relations (10 days in length); three week-end Institutes, and 40 one-day conferences. Among the leaders have been Norman Thomas, Kirby Page, Ely Culbertson, George A. Buttrick, Henry Hitt Crane, A. J. Muste, Frances Gunther, William Henry Chamberlin, Carl Hambro, E. C. Lindeman, and many others. I regret the necessity of being away from home so many nights, but otherwise I could not ask a more choice opportunity than is mine, especially in wartime.

At home on the farm

The members of my family who get this letter would miss it if I did not include a paragraph of political implications and prophesy. It is my guess that Roosevelt will push the war with almost reckless vigor to insure himself the opportunity to have a large share in the peace; which means that the war may be won at heavy cost during 1943 and early 1944.

I do not expect a fair peace settlement. I expect a vindictive peace that will lay the basis for another war unless we can, during the ten to twenty years that follow the war, get adjustments that will lay the basis for peace and prosperity for all nations. I fear two opposite tendencies both of which I believe will be followed after the war. As long as the present administration is in power, I expect a victory (so-called) to be followed by American-British-Russian domination of the world by military might. The first election after the war, it is my guess, will sweep the Democrats out of power and the Republicans in. The Republicans will bring the boys home and we will have a period of isolation and free enterprise in this country that will lead to a temporary boom, leading to a depression like none of us ever dreamed about. With the terrific debt we are getting, we must choose between government control of business or economic ruin. I believe the Republicans will try the latter, but we will then be forced to revert to some kind of economic regimentation.

That's enough of prophesy. I hope I am mistaken in most of these predictions and will do my little bit to try to prove that I am wrong; but those are the trends I suspect in the next five to ten years.

This has been a rambling letter and not the masterpiece I visualized when I started. I have tried, however, to give a picture of our family, what we are doing, what we are thinking, and how we are enjoying life. All join in extending to you the season's greetings and hope that this letter finds you all well. Remember that our latch string is always out. You will assist in keeping our consciences clear if you drop around and help us make full use of our rather large and roomy home. You will find our name and address in the Philadelphia suburban telephone book. Give us a ring and then a call when you come to the City of Brotherly Love.

Ever sincerely,

The Red Schaals.

Skippie

"Oh help us stand unswerving
Against war's bloody way,
Where hate and lust and falsehood
Hold back Christ's holy sway
Forbid false love of country,
That blinds us to His call
Who lifts above the nation
The brotherhood of all." - Harlow

My, my, my, what a year this has been! Christmas a year ago I drove across the continent to spend Christmas at home, and then to see Mariam in Gainesville, Florida. Later I went on down to Coronoda Beach to see Cax and Becky Doggett. Returning from a happy vacation, I plunged again into the daily routine of prayer, study, and work. Finally the bug began to nibble on me again. It was then spring - with white clouds sailing, vlue skies, and warm sunshine (not to mention lovely moons). Finally when I could stand it no longer, I took one last look at my bank account, shut my eyes, and hopped a bus headed for Lexington, Virginia, to spend spring holidays with "Lulu". After a wonderful time together there, seeing Natural Bridge again, Donny "Highsmith" Wilcher, and W & L in general, I dashed up to Washington to see Craigen. On my way back from Washington to Lexington, I got out my pencil and paper and began to figure expenses. Finally figured that if Mariam would cut down on her eating, we could get married on half of what I was spending dashing back and forth across the continent every three months. I had had the foresight to pick up my fraternity pin enroute, so when the bus stopped in Lexington for a minute or two, I slipped the pin on, kissed her, and told her I'd see her in Florida, in May, and for her to be sure to have a minister around. She was so flabbergasted she couldn't say anything (it's the first time!). Two months later, with five of us in the car , we drove night and day, and made New Orleans from Las Cruces N.M. in 30 hours, and Gainesville in 45 (2000 mi.)

We had a wonderful trek back westward. We honeymooned two days in Mobile, one on the Mississippi Gulf in a cousin's cabin, two in New Orleans, and finally got across Texas to civilization once more! After a two day stop in State College, we picked up two students and drove another 1000 miles up to Estes Park to the SCM Conference for the Rocky Mountain Region. It was the first time any students had been there from New Mexico State College, and it was a very challenging experience for them. We both led New Testament study groups, leading discussions on the meanings of familiar passages. Also at Estes honey mooning were Paul Morits and brand new wife, John Swombley and bride, and two other newlywed couples. Needless to say, a good time was enjoyed by the brides and grooms .

Having previously accepted the directorship of a Presbyterian Work Camp in Vinita, Oklahoma, we came back expecting to finish preparations for that. However, upon our arrival we found that the camp had had to be cancelled becauses of lack of student registrants. We then accepted the job of organizing and building a "YOUTH CHURCH" for the First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. We had a wonderful experience there, and were thrilled with the way the young people grasped the task and measured up to their responsibilities. We enjoyed every minute of our experience with one of the grandest bunch of kids ever. While there, the movie bug hit us, and rank amateurs though we were, we started making a movie about a boy, a girl, and a summer conference. The first third of the script was written by a high school girl -- about the boy and girl and their interest only in a good time at the conference, and what they finally got out of the experience -- and all the parts were acted out by the kids in our Youth Church. Going over to Springerville, Arizona, to teach in a Presbyterian Young People's Conference, we finished most of the movie. But wait, I'm ahead of my story. We saved our pennies while in Albuquerque, and one calm day we hurried off to see the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyons in Utah, and Zion Canyon in Utah. Twas a dream trip, and we thoroughly enjoyed it all, to sleeping on blankets under the stars and cooking our own meals over a campfire.

Returning to State College in the fall, we tore into our work with with real vim, with Mariam doing lots of entertaining, and I the usual rush of organizing, visiting, and so on. The increasing war hysteria hhas not made our positions as C.O.'s any more attractive, but we have had no serious problems to bother about. Mariam has almost completely changed the house, and we have gradually added a new bedroom suite, dining roomsuite, and a super-duper-scuper ping-pong table. Mariam has taken the responsibility for re-building a High School Christian Endeavor in the Presbyterian Church here. This Christmas we took three students up to Urbana, Illinois, to the Nat'l Methodist Student Conference - without a doubt the greatest conference I have ever attended. In Evanston for two days we visited with Terry and Ann Braund, and Graham an Elsie Hodges. Now we are just finishing a four-day schedule of dinners, meetings, and interviews with "Dad" Elliot. He has done a fine job on the campus, in spite of a slow start the first night. The after -effect of his visit will be morning prayer groups in the dorms, and increased spiritual vitality, I am sure.

The Draft Board has just advised me that in a month or two I'll be sent to a C.O. camp to plant trees and build roads. We don't feel that we should use the regular minister's exemption, since we both strongly feel that we ought to bear witness to our beliefs in this crisis. However, I have just applied for a 6 mo. deferment because .... and here comes the big surprize ---- we're to have a baby July 1st. After C.O. camp, we hope to take a small church in rural sharecropper area.

Spotty & Mariam

P.S. we sold the movie!!

Monday Night

Thanks for letter - all were and having a sweet time indeed.

About 160 so far for all of us - We have a nice one for you Alma - It's on ice & frozen. See you soon now.

Love, P & M.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Page,
Mrs. Isabella Murray,
La Habra, Calif.
Box 247

Thursday Morning.

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Folks! -

All well and as usual plenty of work ahead of us.

Kay didn't come in this past week end - Sold another 15 Boxes Berries for Mother yesterday - 10¢ Box.

Dr. Pendelton from Frisco was here Tues. to see you - said he would write.

Well Tues. after weeks of having bucket under faucet in Kitchen sink, and trying to keep the thing blowed out and open - which we couldn't - We got desperate and went down and got the plumber out - Took us 2½ hours to get the line open and more

is OK - Got 2 new faucets - you
Know the whole thing there together
now - Last one he had - of the
good ones - making em out of tin
now and guaranteed just for the duration
Will send a bill first of month -
Well Ronnie & Connie come over early
yesterday am - I got up at 5 - Worked
on lines till 8 - We went to Mathews
P.O. store and so on - Back home &
We left here 9.30 went to Crystal lake
and Mama is the prize fisherwoman -
Heres the score - Marie 14 - Ronnie 13 -
Con 10 - Peny - oh my 9 - Total 46
Back home at sundown & fish for supper.
All trout. Still foggy & cloudy -
Hope both are OK - Love, P.L.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear folk

Well - it looks as if I let down a bit - no letter for 3 weeks - Sorry! - for the past two weeks I had ~~no~~ schedule.. - then -

Last night we played an army team from Pomona in softball. - we all had a good time - we lost 2-0 - our pitcher allowed 1 hit - theirs 2 -

I have to stay on this week on tamper, so I made Mary a jewel box out of ironwood. with a plastic bottom she can see through.

Outside of that things go on as usual ~~so~~ — be good

Love
Kay

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks.

Believe it or not, we finally moved to the camp at the bottom of the hill, it sure is nice not to have to go up that hill.

Aron and I are back on cook again, we have a separate shack with the third cook, it really is swell. We have not slept here yet but we will tonight, (two mattresses apiece)

There is a lot of work to be done but we shall get it done some time (I hope))

I have all my christmas presents made, (!) but still have to put the finish on some of them.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

I was surprised to find out you were on your trip, I thought you were going on the trains, take it easy on the tires.

Love
Kay

Sunday –

Dear Children –

I have been so busy lately – just like I want to be all the time, beans & berries – sold over 20 dollars, corn coming on now – sold two dozen ears – 80 cts – so is a good price each doz – ophis are bothering mightily, have some corn just coming up, may be too hot for it to make – no okra yet – but its growing – days are getting hot this morning was so wet, & cool, that after I did the chicken work, I went back to bed to keep warm. slept an hour. – the folks come down, & we had a ripe peach off a seedling tree in the yard – freestone & the only one, apricots on one tree, getting big – no golden blush peaches this year, & figs just setting on; I eat most anything, & drink coffee – some days its all that keeps me going, give up the goats milk, no better than butter milk, not much sugar, so I am selling the berries – 10 cts for straw boxes what about your share of sugar do you get it – could bring what you do not use; 1 H boxes of berries picked now. I will take to store

love, & prayers from Mother in the morning

Monday Noon -

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks! -

Really hot today, do my hoeing & scything early & late - odd jobs & water the bee of the day - Take a nap some days - We go to town about 10

Water the lawn every other day, in fact seems to me I spend half of my time or more pouring it on.

sold 24 Boxes Berries at Lanes this am - 20¢ = not Bad - Wee Alma looks like you will get to eat peaches from 4 Trees - And they are pretty well loaded

Kirby on deposit slip # 20
6.00 check in Books - the two
3.48 checks are refund - Auto Club -
Bal checks K. P.

Apricots will be ripe in
another couple weeks - plums
turning color now - Sauces will
be ready to eat couple weeks -
Mothers peaches not much this
year - 1 apricot tree fine - and
few plums - Grapes look good -
Okra coming along fine - you
will get in on that sure -
and fryers for Kirby also -
next to lime pie - these Black
berrie cobblers we are having
come next - yum - yum.
Our grapes coming along nicely -

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Well Mama has another job now also - Is she a busy woman -
Baby boy arrived for the Ericsons - They come home from Hospital Sat. night - {Nothing caught up on my darling.}
He had trouble getting someone to stay there & care for her - finally located one woman - only wanted 3.50 a day. Marie told him not to pay it - She wanted for 2.00 day - He said he would give her 2.50 so she took it - not Bad though.
She goes up there around 7.45 am gets her breakfast - clears up.
Then about 9.30 she comes home

and leaves Margaret there until we get back from town - she pays Margaret 10¢ a day. Very important young lady - Ha
Then she goes back gets lunch, bathes the baby in afternoon - He gets home around 5^30 then she can come on home - Done until the next day -
We give her around 30^00 she can get shoes, clothes & so on -
Margaret and I eat dinner here together.
Sorry you were miss out on your fishing trip.

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

If conditions permit, and it is all right with you, we plan to go with Ronnie & Connie up to Silver Lake for 2 weeks after you get back. Its about 275 mi from here - several lakes & streams close by also.

Folks at Pomona want Margaret to stay with them.

Georgia working for Good year Art joined the Navy - In San Diego Margaret helps take care of the baby - Does pretty good too.

you should see we 3 of us -
Brown Did you say - Hey
Hey -
Have had few radishes here
Also have Mama few cucumber
vines - 2 rows of nice corn -
and Beans in about 10 places
In fact we have been eating
some here already - we K-wonder
Will be plenty of avacados
for you to eat - Will send
a few along as I can -
Sure have some pretty weeds -
Oh Boy do they grow - we get
the best of em yet - Wait and see.
Trees are looking good - sure
putting the water to them.
Glad Both are OK - Love, P. L.

Tues. morning.

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks:

Just a note to let you know everything is going along O.K. here.

Keeping all the flowers going O.K. The Shasta daisies have and are really beautiful. The flame tree is slowly coming out. Few plums ripening also apricots. The sweet peaches will soon be ready. Both Persimmons have fruit this year.

I sure am having fun taking care of the new lady. Mrs. Ericson will be getting up the last of this week. May get to work another week. All clothes including the babies are sent to

the laundry. Outside of fixing her breakfast and lunch, bathing the baby, keeping the house picked up that is all. I am really getting caught up on my darning.

We must feed the dogs and cats before I go to work. Come back in about 1½ hours and go to town.

Good to hear from you. We are all feeling fine.

Love

Marie

Perry & Alvin gone deep sea fishing for the last time this year as they are making things more strict for the boats after today.

M

Thursday —

Dear People — I am so glad to hear often, & that you are getting along so well — I am doing fine for me work in the garden while its cool & I can hold out good old summer is here at last Tues went to 91 at four o'clock — yesterday 98 at two & three — I've picked beans once; black berries are starting to ripen birds are watching — strawberries look better full of blooms now, yes I did fertilize them just after you left. corn tasseling silks too okra big enough to see good at last I am busy with chickens too — no change in them.

love Mother

Sunday am —
Kay didn't show up —

Saturday Night at 8 10

Telephone CHERRY 9000

OVERLOOKING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

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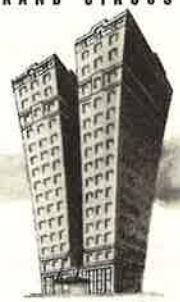

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Dear Folks! —

All well here and busy as usual — Mother doing fair and she has some garden — Hoeing, scything, watering here — and takes lots of each —

Mama shelled you some walnuts the other night — Send them with some Avacados to Hosbrook Height — so look for em

Kay hasn't showed up yet today — No word from him.

Love

Kittens playing now - And do they romps and scat about - Midnight just brought in 3 gophers the other night - Snow Baby One - Grey Kitty We dont know, as kittens eat em as fast as they come in.

3 more weeks of school - Boy do the time go by -

Glad Trejo is doing so well and that you are feeling OK - Wile get about 4 or 5 sacks of steer fertilizer for the little lime trees - 65¢ sack - No Ammonia available

We got Margaret a bond today and she has 10.00 left in Bond! - Write when you can, Love, P. L.

Thursday

My Dears this is the last of Apr
& was cold this morning, but clear
& hot now. strawberries isn't doing much
good - little lt ones about half dead
sore bugs eating berries, & keep ground
all marked up. but berries are
sorry, & scarce all about - looks like
there will be plenty of blacks -
Perry came to help hoe in garden -
I have kept up fairly well - except
young Boysens - & little peach trees
onions are making seed - & that is
bad for them, I keep the seed stems
broken out; have some fine cabbage
pickled some beets with my spare sugar.
I eat more kinds of things to lower

now I am going on goats milk
three qts a week - P & M. gets from
the people above them - hope it
stops me from being hungry so much
eggs about the same in number
back & 33 in price; one hen setting
I am so thankful you are doing
so well - pray for you all along -
this is not worth any thing by telling
but its all I know -

longing for you to get home
lovingly
Mother

The Curtis Hotel
Minneapolis
Minnesota

I forgot to put this in yesterday, Mon. Night at 9 31

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Dear Folks! -

Nothing from you folks for just One Week - Then 4 letters from you and one from Alma Today.

Thanks for the 50.00 check - Was needed We were beginning to rob Peter to pay Paul - Hey - Hey - 24.57 of the last 25.00 we gave by by -

Hot and dry now - Water - Water and more water to go on -

Each house has to be watered at least every other day -

We missed one irrigation - over -

NEXT one states Thurs 14th -
Spent today however Walking
small lime trees out.
Kay said he wored home
week furlough starting a week
from today.
Mother doing pretty good - We
are getting her a goat of
goats milk from Erickons
on Mon - Wed - Fri - She likes it
NEXT Sunday is my Honeys
birthday, and think we will
go to Pomona for Sun dinner -
If not will have home here -
If Bank roll can spare it, could
use an Extra 20.00 = Spent 24.25
already today on Doc and beer,
only one Doctor 10.00 now - Hmmh
Mother had letter from aunt Minnie today = Love, P.K.

Sat. aft.

Dear Mom.

Well I finally got those necklaces off to you. I hope they're O.K. and get there in time. I sent 8 of them. Hope the strings work O.K. The leather strings are too thick and I couldn't get to a leather shop to get thinner ones. So — if you want more - I still have lots of seedpods left.

Kay was here last weekend

several more from some
friends here - so I have
them clear along the
prettiest fence on the south
side of the back lot. We
don't have any hedges
on yet - so they're there
I also have marigolds,
asters, zinnias, petunias
nasturtiums (blooming now) carnations,
clarkia - sweet peas -
larkspur scabiosa celosia
candytuft, bachelor buttons,
snapdragons, poppies. Such -
quite a list. Suppose I'd

we had from the didn't
do much. were going to
the beach but it was cloudy.
I want to get finely down
some ~~time~~ time and see how
she likes it. She love
water - so she should have
fun.

I've got lots of
flowers planted, so some
should bloom any how.
I got some dahlia bulbs
from EEmo - (Emments) - and

do better to stick to fever —
well we'll see. It's fun anyway.
Tell Dad all the poinsettias
are coming out O.K. Also —
I bought a mandevilla for 15¢
since the cuttings didn't live.
The rose cuttings died too —
but the rose bushes are
doing well. John has first buds.
All my iris were lighter ones —
except one a bit darker.
I got a hanging type tuberous
begonia tuber — hope it grows —
Glad you're getting a rest.
Love —
Mary + Walt

Friday

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Dear Folks:

Just a note to tell you Grandma is much better. Still a little weak but up and around.

Yesterday evening Perry and I picked 15 lbs. beans green and yellow wax. Lamb's paid 11¢ per pound. Grandma was sure pleased. The first wax beans they have had down here this year.

I don't remember if I told you in another letter about the book lists there is enough here for two more places. Which will take them to Sandusky.

Everyone here fine. Love

Marie.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks.

Well - here it is another week. Time goes pretty fast, when you keep busy. I am back at work on another rock wall, the only trouble is that it is 10" high and my back is about broken.

It has been raining off and on again, and is doing so now, I hope it keeps it up, then I don't have to work tomorrow.

I am going to read "The Basic Writings of Freud." soon. 900 pages, it should take me a good whole to finish.

I have been reading Francis Bacon's "Essays" they are really good.

Love
Kay.

KIRBY PAGE
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Dear Folks.

I guess I am a little late this week, but I have been busy. I have a class every night and 2 or some nights, however I only teach 2 classes.

I went to Pasadena on Thursday and heard John Charles Thomas free, he was really good. He is a magnificent showman. Then on Saturday I went to a party for the C.D.'s put on by the ~~Mollacon~~ Mollacon's girls, lots of fun was had by all.

The car still runs good; cross your fingers. I have started to study a little more but still waste too much time. however I'll get there.

Love Kay

HOTEL LUCERNE
201 WEST SEVENTY NINTH ST.
NEW YORK
GUSTAVE P. ENGEL

Tuesday AM.

Darling:

Louise came over Sunday and we had a fine visit. She is looking fine, but had a typhoid bug all winter, and has been feeling below par somewhat. The infection was so small, the doctors didn't know what was wrong for months, and she was running a degree of temperature. Finally took some quinine the Dr gave her and broke it, but was weak and shaky for a while afterward. Paul is taking finals and will be down in about a week. They want to come out the night you get back here for a visit with you. Can you and Red get home in time for supper?

We seem to have things fairly well under control here, that is, all except the weather. It is slightly muggy and dampish today. If it keeps on we shall have to put the heater on again.

The usual washing yesterday and the usual ironing the remainder of the week.

Hope all goes well with the meetings and plenty of people come out and make gifts and buy books.

Heaps and heaps love

Your always
Alma.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks

Boy the weather here is swell. I have been working in shorts for 3 weeks, you should see me in shorts and high boots.

We have about finished the new warehouse and are starting on a wind tunnel, which they hope will tell them a lot about the relation between fire and wind. It is 56' long and 6' high and wide.

Last week I irrigated the avocados and they look swell.

We have a big fire on the other side of Brea, but no fire call for us yet.

Love
Kay

Well — Thurs am - at 7

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(1)

Dear Folks! -

Were sprinkling rain again this morning - Was going to work in garden at Mothers today - But not now -

And again Mama Cant Work - Dont get much Moisture, just enough to keep from walking much - except odd jobs & cleaning up -

Were we went to Buena Park - Knotts - and found 10 Boxes Berries yesterday - got more Sugar & Mama put

Marie wants to know if you want the 2 pamphlets sent to you from Lee at the places where you will be with Red —

Oh boy I have fixed so many strawberries I don't care if I never see any more. But it will sure taste good this winter. Mats ordered 15¢ each now.

M.

P.S.

Send additional Mats to all places.

M.

(2)

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over

up 12 more girls - So now
we should have enough to
take us thru -
We put up some grape later
on, and with what we have
of everything else should be ample
Got 2 pairs of shoes for
Kay from repair man - 4.50
And took his good pair of
Boots down to be repaired -
So about sat that we be more -
What with P.O. few little
things for Mother and the

general run of things we have to have - How she goes,
Have 10.00 left of last
25.00

So in another week better send some more -
We are eating Hot dogs, Hamburgers - fish once a week -
Chickens doing fine - 33 to 36 a day - 40 one day. Price 32¢
Garden doing fine - sure looks pretty and everything really growing -
Hope Both are OK,

Love, P. L.

Dear Kirby and Alma

I don't know how to begin, but I want to let you know what has been happening to me lately, and - where I am now, etc. Since George was drafted he's been in C P S camp at Cascade Locks, Oregon, about 50 miles out from Portland. We discovered that he's to have a baby next winter, so naturally I wanted to come up here and be with him. We can't get married until next October, when my divorce decree becomes final, but it was impossible to avoid posing as Mrs. Brown under the circumstances. It really makes no difference, anyhow, because we are as truly married as we can be.

George has been developing greatly here at camp. I think he's one of the few that the C.P.S. program may have helped. We're both very happy about the baby, and in spite of the

circumstances, we're glad for the pressure that has brought us together again sooner. We've hardly seen one another since the spring of '41.

I hope you won't be disturbed by this news. I feel that it's a very happy accident, except for the effect it has had on Mother. However, I think she's beginning to understand. I hope you will, too.

Emma Hartog, who married one of our boys from Tulare Co. Joe Gunterman, is living with me in Portland. We're both looking for jobs. Joe is at Cascade Locks, too.

I certainly hope you will look me up when you come to Oregon in August. Let me know your schedule. My address is

Mrs. L. E. Brown {1716 S.W. Broadway, Portland, and will be for the next 3 weeks anyhow.

I'm not writing to Kay about this. It makes no difference in our legal status. If you think it is best to tell him feel free to do so,

but I don't think it would, from what I know.

If Mary still has the literature she got from that baby clinic in New Haven, I'd like to borrow it.

Give everyone my love. And please don't feel badly about this occasion. If you knew how much it meant to me you wouldn't grieve about it.

Love
Iris

Tell us what you think about the vacation plans - Is it OK?

We had promised Margaret could stay at Pomona - So now - better let her spend until Sunday 16th over there, and she can be here with you balance of time - Thanks.

Still think I'm going to bring you back that big one Alma - P.L.

no more Book post -
new rate 3¢ per pound -
15¢ at PO this am

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday noon -
and hot

got you one tube
at Burks - 350

Dear Folks; -

Were Marie back in the saddle once again - a little peaked but coming along fine - Mother fair - Maries Mother went back home last night - They did a big Washing yesterday - She drove me to town & Mothers once a day -

Glenn came out Sat night - Worked all day Sunday and until 8.30 the night - all day yesterday and until Midnight last night - We got up at 5 - He had Coffee & Toast & away to work in - L.A. All Through Except Door and one Window in Kitchen & lower Cabinet Doors - Oh Boy - It looks fine.

Sure wish you two could have reached home 2 weeks earlier - peaches - 4 trees & Babcock - ripe now - plums & apricots - Oh Boy - Oh Boy

Will be 3 trees of late ones however for you Alma -

The 2 rows of corn getting ready fast - some real large ears - Maybe some will hold until you get here - Beans - oh yes there will be plenty here - and okra at Mothers.

Took Mother peaches & plums twice while Marie was in bed - and she canned quite a few - Some jam.

Are 4 plum trees now bearing and they are really good ones.

Water - Water - Seems like I dont hardly get time for anything else - However we got em and are well - Do my scything & hoeing early & late - Am I stiff - oh

Wont be long now - Take care of yourselves - Write when you can.

Love, P. L.

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks

Just a quick note.

Trout for supper last night Connie + Perry went up to Crystal Lake caught eight. also Blackberry cobbler.

The flame tree is loaded with bud will be in full bloom soon.

I say home last night two day off to help with cataloging.

Love
Marie.

Perry is waiting so must rush.

Tuesday
at 3 o' afternoon

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Folks! -

All Well - hot - oh Boy - Started work at 6 this am - 3 hours on slope seeding & hoeing - Watering balance of day - Little lines set - And I mean I have only stopped about 20 minutes since 6 am.

While we went to Pomona late yesterday afternoon with lines & Avocados I haven't been off the place in 13 days except to La Habra.

We found 2 dozen gr jars at 5th ave - so we grabbed them - Thats 4 Dozen we have now & Lucky for may not get any next year - no stores have any and can't get them.

better send us another 10.00 Will try & make it last - Have 2.00 now out of last 25.00.

If you can get in for Sat supper Will give you Beans, Okra, Corn and maybe chicken. How Will that go.

Marie, Margaret, Mrs. Bowden & 2 girls left at 9.30 this am for the beach - Will be back about 5 - Took lunch & Drinks - Mother doing fair - Works to much & too hard - Were here what Vacation looks like - If agreeable to you - Connie can get off Sunday the 9th but has to be back to work on Sat the 22nd - So - No 2 weeks - 10 days instead - We plan to leave Monday afternoon late the 10th - drive up at night - Glenn going also, so Will go in Sta wagon - Heat and is that a load off my mind - Not take the Ford. Be back Fri night or Sat am - 21st or 22nd

Hope Ans Well - Love,

P. L.

6th Mon Night
at 8

Dear Folks! -
All Well and busy as
can be - Not much rain.
Alma, got your broom
tree all pruned up
and away from window.
Planted more beans -
2 rows corn and some
cucumbers.
Cashed Marion's check 19.00 -
Wife took 25.00 Household
check in morning - 11.00
of that gone already -
Wife had 35.00 check
until another deposit.
Hope you both be well
and OK - Mother fair.
Write us when you can.
Love,
P. L.

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif
4-7-48

1-45	100	Books
56-[illegible]	250	
81-173	300	
74-100	1050	
M-01[illegible]	760	
	2460	

No. 1 16.09 was Books

Over

(3) Fri afternoon at 3 -

Dear Folks! -

Raining now - Has been cloudy - cool & showers are week - Mostly threatening now its really raining and looks like it is setting in. Have a loose tooth, going down at 5 and get em yanked out - just one.

Your letters & cards to Mother received are OK - So far to date nothing to us at all.

Will cash our check for 35.00 Tomorrow - Have to go are money about gone - 24.27 of 25.00 Household gone as follows - P.O. 11.49

Trips - Paper 3.90

Gro & Meat - Supplies 8.88

24.27

fertilizer to get next week - Hope both are are OK - Mother fair - Love, P.L.

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Kirby Page
Ra Habra, Calif.
4-11-42

Elizabeth Perry Steiner

57-85 50001

Over

Sat am

several mornings ago after shower - in road from garage half way to mail box - I killed 428 snails.

This morning after nice rain on 4 lawns killed 154 more -

Had letter from Korean he is in State of Wash. -

You should see my face this am. it is swelled up - Hey - Hey - Tooth out anyway -

Glad trip starting out so good - Keep it up -

Love, P. L.

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
4-11-42

8-11	150.00	M.C.
18-1	10000	
83-165	100	
86-121	153	
83-165	153	
83-166	153	K.P.
83-166	250	
86-127	325	
86-129	500	
83-165	561	
	27195	

over

(2) Wed am

All Well - Drizzle rain for past week - Sun out today for a change - Mother just fair - Kay come in Sat PM got his clothes, and never did come back -

31.00 spent so far from the 25.00 check - And no fertilizer yet - P.O. gets most of it - Still killing snails - 14 r from Louis the 4th. Your letters always read with pleasure - Keep em up - Hope Both are OK -

Love, P. L.

Note at Bank due today.

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Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
4-15 42

87-4	Books –	118
83-37	KP –	135
90-58	Books –	300
75-1	Books –	1280
3-48	Gift –	2400
M.O. 60139	Books –	850
62200	KP –	3350
62200	KP –	10000
		17833

Miss Mary Taylor Mason
Germantown, Pa
(24.00)

Books sent to Tuscaloosa

Deposit slip # 4
M.C. 150.00

Balance K.P.

at 7.20
Thurs am

All well and gay
as can be -
foggy this morning -
Mother doing fair -
Letter and check for
25.00 Expenses received
yesterday - Thanks -
Glad things are going
nicely on trip, and
hope you can keep it up -
Guess Alma will
enjoy the 3 weeks rest -
Write us when you
can - Love,
P. R.

(10)

Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
5-7-42

44-2	200	Books
90-461	200	
64-823	3000	
68-9	5000	— K. P.
	8400	

Monday Am

Telephone CHERRY 9000

OVERLOOKING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

HOTEL Wolverine
ELIZABETH and WITHERELL STS.
DETROIT ★ MICHIGAN

500 ROOMS

Dear Folks! –
All Well and busy.
Mother Doing pretty good –
Kay went back to Camp
Fri night – 3 days here – Did
not come Sat and Sunday –
Irrigation are over, and
now get more Weeds and Thru more
Mama got new rod & reel
for her birth day – So guess We
have to take her up to creek
in mountains soon now – 30 miles away
Hope All well. Love P.R.

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
5-18-42

90-1155
16-137
79-46
37-62
8-71

309 - Books
512 - Auto Club of So. Cal.
800 Books
825 Books
15000 M.C. -
17446

refund on insurance on station wagon.

Over

Thurs Am

21st

Telephone CHERRY 9000

OVERLOOKING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

HOTEL *Wolverine*

ELIZABETH and WITHERELL STS.

DETROIT ★ MICHIGAN

500 ROOMS

Dear Kirby! -

All Well and as usual plenty to do - Weather turned into summer - right now - last 2 days, oh Boy Was she hot - Water - Water - takes it every where and I mean often - Thanks for Expense check - We still have 1 35 left of the last 25 00 = How's that doing? Got the last 100 feet of good hose Rich had - And 50 ft 1/2 in for Mother - also the other items - He can't get any more either. Glad things are going so well - Mother pretty good - Love, P. L.

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Due

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
5-21-42

73-369	750 - Books
86-153	950 - ✓
5-119	1500 - Gift - Ward - Boston
3-51	39200 - K.P.
	42400 ✓

1 -	1609
	2460
	5000
	27195
	17833
	7605
	26050
	3086
	23356
	8400
	6150
	15360
	17446
14 -	42400
	20039.50

Total deposited since you left -

Monday at 10 15

Telephone CHERRY 9000 OVERLOOKING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

HOTEL Wolverine
ELIZABETH and WITHERELL STS.
DETROIT ★ MICHIGAN

500 ROOMS

Dear Folks, –
Mother lots better but Sue has been sick – Rest of us are well – But tired, and how. Ray left here on 15th and We haven't heard from him Since. Guess they are Sure keeping him busy. Hot and dry – Calls for more Water all the time.

Love P. L.

Haven't heard from Mary + Walt on the mimeograph. Tuff!
W.

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
6-1-42

3-51	31500	K.P.
16-14	100	Books
83-86	100	
90-970	129	
17-1	160	
86-21	283	
60-77	400	gift
9-33	525	Books
90-1143	800	
10-71272	250	
	34247	

La Vene Grove - Harrisburg, PA -
400 check -

- over -

Sat Am at 9 02

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks, –

All Well here and mighty busy folks – Mother doing fair. All thru irrigating Except big lime tree and have water running there now.

Kay come in Wed night Went back about 4 yesterday afternoon – Will be back this ✓ with 4 more fellows – They will wax floors in living room & dining room – & get ready for their dance Sunday night up there – They are going to Beach Sunday – Love, P.L.

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Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
6-6-42

90-285-12	150 Books
55-507-#	310 KP
56-69	800 Books
50-978	400 KP
MO-20000	7600 KP
	9260

Glad you sent that last 25.00 we had about 5.00 left of the other one - Bot book 3 & up Express (Books) Kays Boots 2.00 Crystals 50¢ fertilizer & dog feed 4.50 P.O. Insc & 50 on Money about 15.00 in 3 days - Oh Boy -

Tues Aug
at 9 55

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks! -
Mother doing pretty good - Its amazing how much work she does - All we have and busy is no name for it -
Kay only brought one friend with him - Mary O'Waer came by Sat afternoon - Stayed all night and all of them went to Beach Sunday -
Cloudy the past few days, but warm enough -
3 more days school - Then Oh Boy
Never a dull moment -
Mama working now - Everything looking good and growing -
Love, P. L.

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well

Kirby Page
Los Habra, Calif.
6-9-42

71-130	100	Books
60-1361	2140	
51-32	6107	KP
M.O. 173446	555	Books
12754	820	
	9722	

Bought us an Arcadia fisher about 18 foot pole with cord, and cutter and bag on end. Will have to have one later and need it now to get the purple ones - Sold 18 for 1.00 more next week - Ryans later Cost 5.00 but showed best for years

Two Nights

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTH HOTEL CO.
A. J. F. MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Folks! –
Kay went to Hallerty for supper tonight –
We had fish – some some to Ericsons and Bouchers –
One letter one for Mother tomorrow –
Kay is taking back 20 mackerel with him tonight.
How Did We Do?

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Love, P. L.

Sunday Night at 9.20

Dear Folks! – Still here and at it –
Kay and some fellow Come in late last night – Will go back tomorrow.
Mother fair – working to hard – Selling lots of Beans & Berries – Sold 2 dozen ears corn – 40¢ Pay
Thanks for letter – We are always glad to get em
you sent 20.00 check for april – And with last 50.00 was 20.00 cash – We took it for granted that was for May and used it – So make this last one show on your stub – Car for June if that is all OK with you –
Love P. L.

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Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Cal.
7-1-42

82-241	200	Books
90-1165	775	✓
80-1407	1000	✓
51-47	1000	Gift ✓
1-45	100	K.P.
7-71-439	200	
71-251	400	
70-70	1777	
71-1185	2160	
7-71-439	3000	
70-2040	4337	
71-1185	8029	
71-160	21000	
	43578	✓

Gift
Katherine Jervey —
Hartford, Conn.

Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
6-22-42

56-493		100	K.P.
56-116 ✓		100	✓
56-500		150	✓
56-1097		250	✓
56-493		265	✓
16-137	auto Refund	348	✓
16-137		348	✓
56-273		370	✓
56-261-4		600	— Books
56-116 ✓		620	K.P.
56-511		25800	K.P.
		28971	✓

Wed Am

Are Were and stick at it – Mother Working to hard – But ??

sold 5 Dozen corn yesterday @ 35¢ –
And more Beans & Bug Eggs 36¢ wholesale –
Mama working early & late now – Tried too
We will be glad to see you back home –
Start irrigating in the morning – Kay said he would be down Mon or Tues
Only get Week ends off.
Going 3 Weeks – 2 behind
Foggy again today
Hope Back Are OK

SOUTHER
NO. FINK

Write when you can

Love, P.L.

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
6-24 42

53-194	Books	65
66-179	✓	300
56-500	KP	375
90-622	Books	475
3-50	KP	11977
M-O-86300	✓	210
		13422 ✓

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
7-6-42

72-200-7		200 Books
74-1174		295 KP
74-22		8500 KP
M-O-10096		150 Books
✓ 81802		283 ✓
		9428 ✓

Over

Make deposit slip
#22 - read 433 78
instead of 435-78

Thurs. Am
early —

Dear Folks! —

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

N HOTEL CO.
, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mother not so good yesterday —

And Marie about down this Am — When we go to town Wire home her go by and see Dr. Cooke —

Irrigating today & some more days to come —

finally got car Tues afternoon at 4.30 Only 21.04 — oh Boy. Ouch

Hope Both are Well Won't be so long now and all Will be glad to have you home.

However We got em things really looking good

Love,

P.L.

Tues at 10 am

Dear Folks! —

Are busy & as it — left car at shop yesterday am early — was to get it last night — not later than 10 this am — Just phoned them & they say Will be late this eve new clutch — Brakes 13 and general over going —

The one letter from Alma — Not a line from Kirby in two weeks now.

Start irrigating Thurs — Kay won't be back for 2 or 3 weeks now —

Write when you can,

Love,

P.L.

SOUTHER
A.J.FINK

Mother doing better now.

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Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
7-14 42

71-199	310	KP
9-37	2500	KP
71-251	300	Books
74-178	395	✓
56-274	460	✓
A.E. M-0-	800	
60-120	1200	Gift
M-0-17321	165	Books
93058	350	✓
v 35100	800	✓
21578	800	✓
	8080	✓

Gift - Irma B. Lewis,
Altoona, Pa.

Over

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Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
7-16-42

70-1580	KP	150
70-69-7	✓	265
2-134-7	✓	700
70-78	✓	10000
		11115
		✓

Haven't heard anything from you regarding that war risk insurance

Sat Am - at 8 10

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Folks! -

your good letter with checks came yesterday - Thanks -

Glenn Will be out today to go to Walk - Will also see him about getting tubes in L.A. -

Marie still in bed but better today - Marie's Mother came out yesterday afternoon - Took me to town & Mother. Will stay until Sunday - Sure helps me a lot - Will go see Walker & Jno. Mon this morning & see if can get the Jno. settled. Just come in from irrigating - Will try & finish Sunday eve - 4 days of it - Mother doing pretty good again -

Love,

P.L.

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Over

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.
7-18 42

70-568
M-0-64703
L 6216

250 00	K-P-
1 25	Books
1 60	✓
2528 5	

Proofs from Wolfers came yesterday do you want them sent to you? M.

Friday Am
at 8.27

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Folks! -

Everyone doing pretty good - Working away like beavers - no fooling.

Glenn come last night and is now in Kitchen - Will finish today.

Hot - oh Boy - does it take the water on everything.

We haven't been off place in 10 days - Except La Habra & Mothers.

Won't be long now - Take one of yourselves - found a dozen pint jars & we grabbed them. you can't get any size anywhere - Dozen at Mothers & one here.

Have 2½ hrs scything & Lawing already done this Am - now to town - Love, P.L.

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Over

Kirby Page
Los Angeles, Calif.
7-24-42

R-302-7	250	Books
90-5	300	✓
72-199-7	2000	KP
41-1	274 50	KP
M.O-12571	350	Books
	3035 50	✓

Wed Am
at 9 12

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

All Well and We are keeping busy—
Love 3 hours scything all ready done
this am — And I'm tired — No fooling —
Marie been working over an hour
now on letters — orders — ect —
We will go down to Mathers for
fried chicken on my birthday — Fri
Hurry home for some of this com —
taking the first car this morning to
Mather for Lee — Sure looks good — yum —
Peaches from the 4 trees just about
gone — Maybe a dozen more yet —
Hope Both are OK — Love, P. L.
Write when you can,

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Dear

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif
7-29-42

76-77	150	KP
72-99	150	
76-123	185	
76-123	235	
76-77	262	
72-231	265	
76-123	300	
76-77	500	
76-123	510	
90-422	750	Books
76-77	9300	K.P.
MO 66000	200	Books
✓ 81709	773	✓
	13580	✓

Dear Folks:

Just add a note to answer Alma's questions. Mr. Hale is comming out Thurs. or Fri. to check stove & ice box. – Don't know if Henry will be out before we go on vacation or not but will have him look at windows if he does. Hope you won't want celery price – celery is 32¢ bunch all vegetables are high and not much to look at or variety. Sent last batch of Mag. to ~~to Fort~~ Morgan.

See you soon
Love Marie

Sat - 4th at 12 -
Noon

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Folks! -

It is good to get your letters, and know you are coming along all O.K.

Wee Kuida review the past week or so -

Irrigated Thurs. Fri - Sat - a week ago, Kay couldent get out for week end so said leave the Texans for him on Mon & Tues - Come out Sunday - Monday am he told me he had dropped a sledge or anvil or something on his foot so I irrigated Mon - He was hobbling around but he coned - Went out on a date somewhere Mon night and Tues night He took supper in Fullerton - They

Come by here and got his fish to take to Camp.

Were Monday My Nose started in again, Tues not so good - Wed worse - Thurs I go see Doc - It is an abscess and you should see it - oh My - and I mean blue murder -

Thurs. He opened it - treated it several different ways - and a shot in left arm - yesterday Fri back again for the same thing - Only left arm very sore - So got it in the right arm - today both that way - Weak - Diggy - and what have you - and No foolin this Nose is so sore can't touch it - using hot packs every hour or so - and since it is

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

not to a good head yet - Hey-Hey -
So no hoeing or scything this week - Could
be helped - How kept are the Watering
going & ood jobs.
Mama getting all run down - 5 45
Till 9 30 - Too long hours and too
much work - Hope they will wont
her only couple days next week -
Eating ~~sauce~~ peaches & plums - picked
my big bucket full this of apricots -
Marie lost 2 nights put up 10 quarts
& one pint from one bucket - Have
another one now & picked this am -
Will make jelly & jams of this one -

Margaret has been to 3 birthday parties the past 10 days -

Mother been doing good - but yesterday & today not so well - feeling bad when we left this am - I call her every afternoon over phone -

Alma I believe you will even get her in time to see peaches from the 4 trees. (everything about a month later this year) And the 2 rows of corn here - Will the first little ear just struck his head out yesterday. And Beans oh Boy - Okra just blooming - Sure looks mighty fine for Kirby will be waiting.

Going to lay down a while now. So dizzy can see straight - Wont be so long now - Write when you can, (Check due at Bank on 3rd not ten yet) Love, P.L.

Dear Kirby and Alma,

I was more pleased than I can tell you to get such nice considerate thoughtful letters from both of you, after my news. And I very much appreciated the money you enclosed, too, although I find increasingly that money counts for very little, and the things that you expressed in your letter are more important than physical nourishment.

Kirby, I understand you are coming to Cascade Locks soon. I'd like to know when you are coming. I think our relationship is fairly well-known at Camp, but it might be embarrassing for you if I came to camp when you are there. If so, please let me know, because I want your influence there to be as great as possible and would not want to do anything to detract from it.

George has been elected educational director of the camp. He is now a full time staff member. So far as I know, this is the first time a staff member has been elected by the entire group. This democratic trend is partly due to

Dick Mills influence, I believe — he's assistant director of the camp, as you may know. I hope you'll have a chance to talk to George while you're here as ~~that~~ you'll know and understand one another better. I'm very proud of George's development in camp.

If you are staying in Portland any time I hope you'll feel free to stay at our apartment. Emma and I and another socialist T.O.R. girl are living together. We'd love to have you, but I know too that you often get more rest in a hotel, so do whatever you think best.

Mother sent on the letter you wrote her, Alma — I'm awfully glad Kay has a girl. We've been reading lately how much of an imposition it is on him to leave my personal belongings there, especially in the room. I hope I can find some way of removing them soon. Anything you want to get rid of any time you're welcome to appropriate or pack in the store room or anything you like.

One of the boys at camp stayed

at our place last night, and Taky
he's looking around town for ideas
on the latest thing in baby beds.
He's making one for us. I just hope
it's not so modernistic the baby is
mentally and physically warped by it
during his first year the impressionable
age. His fellow wife is making an
afghan, which may have the same effect since it's her first knitting
yet, but later on I'm going to rent
a machine and go to town — get all
my things cut and pinned fitted, then
just sew at and slap for a week
or two. Right now I'm working
and expect to be until the middle
of November, and I don't have time nor
energy to do anything else. Especially
since George has only been able to come
in twice in the last 2 months, which
means that I make a hundred mile
bus trip nearly every weekend.

Perhaps Mom has written you
that she is planning to come out
here around December, possibly before.
For awhile we thought perhaps the
whole family would be near here, and
soon. Dad was thinking of taking
a job with the WRA as Community
Enterprises Supervisor, which is

actually in charge of co-op education, but I think he has quite definitely decided in favor of staying with CCA.

Please let me know when you are coming and how — I hope you'll be here too, Alma, though from what you said in your letter I doubt it.

My new address is 1810 NW Everett, Apt 3-I, Portland.

Love to all
Iris

Friday Night
at 8 -

Dear Folks, -

All goes well, 2 days of irrigating already - Raining lightly outside now - Hers hoping it will continue all night.

Mother doing fairly well - Margaret went to Dentist this afternoon - first tooth he had already filled

Guess Ray will be here in morning - Hope your trip is nice and that all goes well - More soon,

Love,

P. L.

Here's Tax figures -

Books -	1485.53	Calif	1091.77
Pamphlets	146.87	Calif	31.55
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grandma was washing some clothes Thursday and had soaked her finger good in the soapy water, the thorn worked up to the skin and she got it out without any effort. It was a long one — about such.

Mr.

Dear Folks:

We got our rain didn't amount to much. Not enough for the trees.

Kay well pleased with the car. Brought two fellows from camp. One never been here before he used to work with cars and said you got a good buy.

Grandma feeling fairly good. Perry will stay there and help while we go to church.

Hope everything is going along O.K.

Love Marie.

Easter Sunday

Not much of a sunrise this morning, too foggy. But still a wonderful day in the lives of Christians.

M.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks.

Went over to see Walt and Mary and Judy yesterday, we did not do much, but still had a good time. as usual, we were going to the beach and it got cloudy, — so —

I bought a symphony — "Symphonic Variations" by "Franck" — it is two records only. ~~with~~ piano with orchestra. really swell

How is the trip. — how about gas, can you get any. How are the other camps.

I really have been working for the past week.

we are building a new warehouse and they want it done this week. - today we only finished the floor some fear.-

I am taking furlough ~~tod~~ wed, thurs, friday to irrigate. if they lett me go.

Love
Roy

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JOSEPH BOND
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

THE TOD HOTEL
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Wednesday

Sweetheart:

Trip very encouraging. Good response all along the way. Yesterday at Johnstown had one of best days ever:

afternoon	185
Supper	140
night	250

Sold books to tune of $84 and contributions of $140 for Rid's work.

Am feeling really wonderful!!

Miss you keenly.
It will be nice to be
together again.

Be sure to take
care of your eyes!

Lovingly
Kirby

Thur Am
at 9

Dear Folks, -

All well and plenty of work - Have been at it since 6 - Mama Washing - Ray didn't show up yesterday - Said he would have week starting Mon - Had folks all over for Sunday Dinner - Mamas Birthday - Large Turkey - Con & I split on paying for it - Grandma brought roses - and the Vegetables - Ben ate oh We took Mather some of each - Hope all well, Write when you can,

Love, P.L.

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KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks,

Well, how goes it, how was the Grand Canyon, it should be swell this time of year.

The car runs swell, I am glad you got it, I was a ~~bit~~ apprehensive when mom phoned me, but after seeing it I changed my mind, it came up the hill to camp in high and runs fine.

Walt and Mary failed to come over this weekend so the Piano is still there, some day we will get it moved, (Maybe)

Love
Kay

Thursday

My Deare, Kirby & Alma -

two weeks is such a long time but nothing worth talking about has happened to me - I expect they have told you - how cold & cloudy it has been quite a bit of rain - slow & fine. Sun was out fine yesterday - but its cloudy again to day - not much improvement in the garden - too cold - I peak about when I can stay out - last hen hatched 14 but one died & she killed one, been out of their box twice no more to set - half the Leghorn pullets are laying. little things - sold one day for 90 cts - big eggs 32 - still holding down the fort bill Mrs Parrish wrote - Dr Hawkins died in Fret - no word from Linnie or her Sister too Siggie

do hope things keep all right with you I love, & pray for you all the time

Mother

over

Friday

rained a little last, cold & cloudy
today - got my breakfast but no heat
when I came in from feeding
called Perry - (but first put in new fuses -
nothing doing, Marie came with their
heater - but still no heat - so she went
to hardware - & got something to bring
down the ceiling heat, so I am warming
again, & Marie is to come today, to see what
I stayed in bed all that time - so I am
all right

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Thursday.

Alma darling:

Small meeting in Youngstown but good response. Sold # 47 books to 45 people present!

Weather cool. Hard rain yesterday. Cloudy today.

Much love

Kirby

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THOMAS A. ROWE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF MANAGERS

Dear Dad :

Gosh, it just dawned on us that we hadn't even answered your letter and thanked you for the check. That doesn't make it any the less welcome, tho we do think you're a dope for sending it(in a loveable sort of way). . We decided to start a checkin account, and we had all of $80 to start with, for about ten minutes.

It's John's birthday today, so I have to get busy and bake him a cake. We're going over there for supper, and then out to a show later. Margie will be there, plus Dannie and his sister, who came out with a stock company, and will probably stick around a while. I actually finished knitting his socks a week ago, and we also got him some cologne, (which is nothing to sniff at).

Judy is busy tearing the room apart. I never saw anything like it. Such a strong woman. She pushes the crib all over the room. The baby next door is 7 weeks old, and is named Judy too. Thompson is the last name. Met the woman who moved in across the street too, Hanson. More Lockheed workers, and another one to come right across.

Finally got the right color toilet in , and they are supposed to finish everything up today. That means painting the shingles in front again,

mail slot in door, fix bottom of door, re-cement part of drainboard, fix tileboard in bathroom, and put up trellis. I only hope they get something done. They'll probably show up at about 6 when we want to leave.

Here are a couple old shots of the dogs. They aren't so hot on exposure. The one of the pups is kinda spoiled by reflections.

Our love, and thanks again,

Mary

P.S. Walt said to send on this letter of Vernon's to you, and you can answer it direct. O.K.? Have you got any collection that might be available to Trobridge? Its interesting that they might want it.

Monday Am - 8/15

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks! -

All fairly well, but cold and how country all covered with smudge - La Habra 27 last 2 nights - Ice here on porch yesterday am -

Nothing from you folks for days now -

Margaret missed 2 days school last week - cough - cold and fever -

Better send us some more expense money if you haven't - 5.67 all ready spent over the last 20.00 check -

And we have you a new Cosing - Please send me check right back for 11.49 told him would try & give him check for it by Thursday -

Waiting away all the time - Hope you both are OK - Write us when you can

Love, P. L.!

Hi!

Just heard about your meeting up "On the Hill" Monday - so won't expect you Monday evening. Maybe the week following - getting ready for a membership campaign next month - Have

to raise my own "raise"!
But it's worth trying for.
"Blue Book" prices have
gone up at least $50 on used
cars of fairly recent models.
A Station Wagon should be
worth more now. Ever wait

Dear Kirby,

I opened this letter by mistake - sorry. I can't imagine why he sent it here, mailed from New York 2 days after you were to be here.

The Visalia job has fallen through completely. It's a terrible mess - Cheves, the co op manager, was fired and all the other employees walked out with him. The board has even accused him of trying to kill the board member who is the new manager. The camp, of course, is split wide open. I'm afraid they may attempt that here next, and 2 new board members have just been elected who are just the type to do the work - trouble makers in order to gain status and, if possible one wants the co op managership. So it should be some fun from now on.

Dorothy went to L. A. with John the Monday after you were here. The next Wednesday he & Emma Hartog,

former YCAW and Socialist organizer in L.A., came through for a visit and we persuaded her to stay with me for a few weeks. Dorothy may stay down and go to Imperial for a change of air and to get a new start on life. But if she comes back Emma will still stay. She's skilled in recreation leadership, one of our greatest needs. And she's wonderful to have around — —

It has been spring here all week. I have my flowers all planted, but have saved the four corners for yellow jasmine cuttings.

George walked in yesterday. He went to Cascade Locks today instead of jail. I hope he gets released for some other service before too long.

The days are full, and very happy.

Your being here was a real help to me and to our group, I think. I appreciated your talking to my needs and in my terms in the evening meeting, especially. It cleared up a lot of things, and gave me new life.

Love
Iris.

PHIL. G. HOLLENBACH
PRESIDENT

Sunday Night
at 8 20

DEAN E. RICE
VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL MANAGER

Open

Hotel Henry Watterson

WALNUT STREET BETWEEN 4TH & 5TH
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Dear Folks! -
your good letter came yesterday, Thanks -
all fairly well - Mother about as usual -
Thanks for check - May need some of it
tomorrow - Car on the blink - Don't think
it serious or a big job - But will
take it down in morning - Clutch or
something all wrong -
Marie goes back to Dr - Tues am for
her 7th shot - Had Margaret to Dentist
yesterday - Don't we have fun -
We stayed home today - I irrigated
all morning and until about 2 30 when
folks came over from Pomona - They just left -
We had some good billiard games - I got
hot and run 29 one game - 15 another -
We went to Mathews a little while this
afternoon - all trees already irrigated except
avocados and started them at noon - P.L.

Sat - 31st 5.00 Cash from Alma

Over

Kay didn't come this week end - Don't even look like rain here - no justice - irrigating in Feb - Hey - Hey -

31 - Sat	Express	121
31 -	Groc & Meat	89
2 -	PO - Envelopes	84
2 -	Groc	44
3 -	PO	86
3 -	Supplies	50
3 -	Groc	33
		5.07

Check - 20.00

	forwarded -	.07
4 -	Pencils	.20
4 -	Case P.A. juice -	5.84
	Staples - Supplies - Groc & meat	—
4 -	P.O.	.60
5 -	Groc	.94
5 -	Shortening - Purex - Bar Soap -	.90
6 -	Mothers	.68
6 -	P.O.	80
6 -	Groc & Meat	81
6 -	P.O.	10
6 -	Oranges	35
6 -	PO	.09
7 -	Boots Repaired - Kay	2.00
7 -	Meat for Sat - Sun - Mon - 81 - Veg - 47 - Groc 71 -	1.99
		15.37

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks

Well, here I am again, only this time I am on time. It is finally getting warm around here and it seems as though the rains are about over. however that starts the fire season and I imagine we will get organized for that sometime in the next couple weeks, all of which means that we will have to start slaging in every few weekends.

I finally got off the rock wall, Hallelu! and ~~our~~ building some new storehouses, which will last a good while.

We have been playing baseball one night a week, and about June we will get in a league in Pomona. Last week we beat the

CCC boys 17-0, we looked pretty good.

Walt and Mary were in Whittier this weekend and I saw Judy and Mary, Judy look swell and is running around, all over everything

Next week I will go see them and then take furlough and clean up the avocados and irrigate, The trees look good.

They have opened up the Chelayo camp and will fill it as fast as possible, it holds 40 men, and we will have 110 men here which makes 150 altogether, some fun eh.

I think the spirit in the camps will pick up soon that summer is coming and the so called "Winter Work" is over and good projects are starting, - I hope.

Love
Roy

Wed night
at 7.30

Dear Folks! -

More rain and drizzle yesterday and last night - Mostly just enough are time to keep things wet and sticky -

- Bank called at 2 this afternoon and informed us 81.00 overdrawn - We made out ~~enclosed~~ deposit slips and took down before 3 - 5.00 ~~this~~ overdrawn - I talked to Mr. Walker and he said OK -

Nothing we could do about it - We have 1.00 in Bank - And Expense money are gone -

Got the fertilizer today - 3.90 and have 1/2 of it on - Balance tomorrow unless it is raining -

How will the gasoline rationing on East Coast after May 15th affect you?

Sure wish it would get hot - always cool

Don't forget to register the 27th. Mother just fair

- over -

By the way she never has heard again from Aunt Minnie or Maggie - and worrying herself sick about them - says she guesses they are both dead - and so on -

Could you write Inez and find out - I don't know her address - would relieve Mother a lot to know -

Guess Richard got mailed this am - keeping the Snail Bait out all time and are we getting them.

Very few orders these days - Marie is caught up with your work - She has been going from 6.30 until 9 at night.

Hope both are all OK - Nothing from you for several days now -

Lawn is thick and very pretty now - Lots of grass for Mothers chickens -

Write when you have time - Love, P.L.

dear anna
and kirby
i hope you
are selling
many pretty
pretty
this mas the
cattan dogall
about pie

are first
lor Emmaorgoirl

Have been up since 5.15

Sunday Am - at 8.10

12th

The Southern Hotel

Baltimore, Md.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CO.
A. J. FINK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Blew me out next week - and to paint

M.

Dear Folks! -

Your letter with 25.00 check for bank came Sat afternoon - letter from Alma to Mother was enjoyed.

That was the first from you in about 10 days -

Weller at Bank had me go see price and they put a binder on the war risk insurance to cover, until we hear from you about it and can get it fixed up.

Mother doing some better past few days -

Mary & Walt went to Beach Friday - came by here then went to Redlands Fri night

got in at 1^{20} am - They left
Judy with K— all night.
They were here yesterday - Kay came
with 2 fellows for dinner - Then they
went on to L.A -
For supper we had Kay & his girl
John & his - Mary - Walt Judy &
the 3 of us -
Last night they all went to dance
left Judy with us - Dont know when
they got in - Twas early anyway -
we went to bed 11^{15}
None of them up yet -
Sold 6^{15} worth of the purple
avacados - Selling Summers at
1^{00} Dozen - Got 11^{¢} per pound at Lanos
for 2.4 - Weighed 17½ pounds - Hows that.
about 13^{00} worth already - Both kinds -
Write us - Love, P. L.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Folks,

Well - things have really been happening around here. - It has been better than bades here - so we went to a fire - at Big Pines - we had 70 men there and the boys really pitched in and built up a reputation - then we got called to another fire but it had been put out when we got there.

We finally got a good court to play Badmenton and valley ball. - surfaced with asphalt. - we had to do it on our own time, but it was worth it

Love
Kay

Friday Am
at 8.10

HOTEL PERSHING UTICA

Friendly Service

JOHN H. LEATHERS, MGR.

Dear Folks! –
No letters from you in a
Coons age ?
Me lots better now – back
at the old regular grind –
Mother not so good last
few days – in bed nearly
all day yesterday.
Monday when we got to Mothers
Mary & Judy were there – Walt
& John also when we got
back there from town They
had been golfing – Said they
would be out Thurs & Fri
for week end – But haven't
heard anymore – They never
let you know just when

they are coming -

Better fix up the war risk insurance for Bank - Wire them or something - They are about to have a Quick fit.

No check for the 25.00 payment on the 3rd due.

We are rushing down now to pick corn to go to Store for Mother.

Go - Go - Never get caught up - oh me - oh my -

Hope you two are are OK -

Another Note due 16th

Won't be long now -

Write when you can.

(P.S. 5.20 off.) Love, P. L.

Sunday –

Dear People. your letters do sound good to me. I am doing very well now – doing all the work – picked over thirty lbs bunch beans in three days sold 29 lbs. 11¢ per Kentucky not ready for a week. 5 boxes black bys 10 cts each, strawbys eggs about the same in quantity & price wish you could see the corn patch it's a regular wilderness lots of ears – not filled out yet, get some nice large straw-bys enough for me to eat well – the two hot days I complained of is all. cool morning cloudy or foggy until noon most days – Mary & Judy

came to see me yesterday - Judy Ann looks so sweet in summer dresses. Kay brought a fellow out last night & they all plan to go to the Beach

late Sunday

Walt & Mary came by - got 1 qt. beans, cabbage & berries - Judy was scared of the ocean & cried Mary's face red as a beet & they had to go up to the house then to Fullerton, you know"

I am up Monday as usual - did up the work, going to wash now. love Mother

Dear Kirby and Alma

The enclosed letter was misent to me. I've written to the N. Y. FOR office to correct the mistake.

How is your trip going? I'm planning on taking one myself. One of the pacifist boys here in Tulare Co. is being drafted, and is returning to N. Y. Monday. I'm going as far as K. C. with him, and will spend 10 days or 2 weeks at home in intensive study of co ops, and hope to get some ideas from Dad on the subject. Will be glad to see my little brother again, too. My older brother was drafted a week ago.

Mildred's cuttings are doing very well. Mine get tramped on too much for their best development, in spite of a rope fence. I'm proud of my garden, though.

Kirby, I think you remember Emma Hartog. She married Joe

Gunterman a couple weeks ago. He's the socialist pacifist worker in Tulare Co., and a swell fellow. If he has to go to Cascade Locks ~~tof~~ Emmy and I may go to Oregon together after the Farmersville Work Camp, to do similar work in the Willamette Valley. I intend to contact Chuck Schwieso about the possibilities, also.

I was extremely happy about my talk with Kay. He seemed much happier and stabler - and wiser. I'm proud of him.

Give my love to everyone when you write.

Love

Eric

Friday Night
av 8

Dear Folks! -

your 2 good letters come this am
One written Mon - other one Sunday. Thanks
We took deposit Book down, so
just made deposit of 2 big checks
then - Other ones tomorrow - Thanks
for the 25.00 for Expenses -
Hope your days of rest helped you
both out.

Mother doing fairly well, always
waiting when she can, We take her
little things by every few days.

Kay phoned today, said he would
be down tomorrow - bringing 2 with
him again.

Thats the third bunch since you
left -
And it does run the food
over

bill up - besides the extra work for Marie.

We are invited up on the hill to Emerson's tomorrow night for dinner at 6.30 -

So you are choosing the fine meetings, offerings and selling lots of books - after supper tonight we walked up to end of road with the dogs, came back over Connelly's hill - got nearly to our line trees and Chota looked ahead into the weeds and then whee - yeah he had him & was shaking him - What a smell - Did we get out of there in a hurry - of course now he is a nice dog - after a weeks wash home are the bed coolers beans out - kindling & lumber are moved and are cleaned up some below arbor - Love, P.L.